

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
January 31, 2008
150 North 18th Avenue, Conference Room 540-A**

Members Present:

Bentley Bobrow (Chairman)	Martyn Fink
Roy Ryals	Michelle Ziemba
Bill Ashland	Mark Venuti
Dave Ridings	Scott Petersen
Charles Allen	Laurie Wood
Ritch Steven	*Anslem Roanhorse
Michael Pflieger	*Kelly Silberschlag
Philip Johnson	*Jim Flaherty
Debbie Johnston	Stewart Hamilton

Members Absent:

Jeff Farkas

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ben Bobrow, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present. *Note: Kelly Silberschlag, Jim Flaherty and Anslem Roanhorse attended by conference call.

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 MINUTES

A motion was made by Philip Johnson and seconded by Mark Venuti to approve the minutes of September 30, 2007. **Motion carried.**

III. REPORTS

A. Report from the Chairman:

- Ben Bobrow announced that Dr. Peter Rhee has been appointed to STAB in the category of Trauma Center Representative. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend today's meeting.
- Ben Bobrow presented a certificate of appreciation to Ritch Steven for his contributions to the State Trauma Advisory Board (STAB) as his term has expired and this is his last meeting.

B. Report from the Bureau Chief

1. Introduction of New Members

- Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief, announced that we have a new telecom system. We believe that the members who are participating offsite will be able to hear better when conferencing in to the meetings.

C. Report from the Trauma System Section Chief:

1. Introduction of New Trauma Program Coordinator

- Vicki Conditt introduced Dawn Christean, our new Trauma Program Coordinator, to the Board.

2. Trauma Day at the Capitol – Reminder

a. Legislation

- Dr. Scott Petersen, Terry Mullins, and others, including trauma patient survivors gave presentations to the Senate Health Committee. The bill passed out of committee after removing the appropriation.

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b. Trauma Fast Facts By Legislative District

- All members were emailed a copy of the Trauma Fast Facts developed by Vatsal Chikani. This document reflects the injuries, charges, payor mix, and cause of injury by legislative district and county. Most of the information used to develop this document was abstracted from the hospital discharge database.

3. ACS Recommendations – Priorities – Report from 10/22/07 meeting

- **Top three priorities:** Vicki Conditt shared with the entire committee the results of the October prioritization meeting. The three priorities were determined to be as follows:
 - Develop guidelines for system quality/performance improvement or quality assurance. Current legislation is adequate if guidelines or standards are developed. ACS did not have all of the statutory language at the time of their review.
 - Develop “one call does it all” approach for trauma transfers as well as all transfers. Entire system in need of this.
 - Develop “roadshow” to encourage rural/small hospitals to participate in trauma system as designated Level IV centers. We will work with Critical Access Hospitals first due to availability of flex grant monies.

4. Trauma Registry Rulemaking – Effective January 12, 2008

Vicki Conditt reminded committee members that the trauma registry rules are now in effect. Anita Ray and hospital registrars are working hard with Trauma One® to incorporate the new data elements into all of the systems.

D. Report from the Bureau of Public Health Statistics, Office of Health Registries:

1. Update on Status of State Trauma Registry – Anita Ray

- The Arizona State Trauma Registry is in the middle of several important registry projects. State and hospital databases are in process of being updated to align with the new state and national trauma data standards. Data entry of ED Arrival Dates Jan. 1, 2008 forward will be captured using new data specifications. The Trauma Registry Users Group (TRUG) met on January 17th and reviewed key changes for 2008.

2. Updated ASTR Data Submission Tracking Spreadsheet

- Included in today’s packets is a table tracking hospital submission of 2007 trauma data to ASTR. Data is submitted quarterly based on ED Arrival Date. Trauma data is submitted by hospitals several months after the arrival date. The last quarter of 2007 data is due on April 1st, after which time the spreadsheet will be updated. 10 hospitals have submitted 2007 data to the Arizona State Trauma Registry. 7 of these facilities are designated Level I trauma centers. Phoenix Children’s Hospital and Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center have been provided with trauma registry software and are beginning their data entry.

3. ASTR Data Reports – Update

- The next major ASTR project will be to work with the software vendor to create a comprehensive data validation tool. This will allow the data to be available much more quickly for state reporting purposes.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Road Show Project – Review – Vicki Conditt

1. Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center

- Philip Johnson commented that Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center was honored to be the first hospital that the roadshow was presented to and it was well received. He said that the roadshow is showing the CEO's of the hospital that they can recoup some money by becoming designated and that this is an attainable goal - from a patient care perspective as well as an economic perspective.
- Dr. Petersen mentioned that a paper written 5 or 6 years ago by Robert Rutledge reviewed financial data from the North Carolina Trauma System pertaining specifically to the Level IVs. There is one particular slide that may enhance the roadshow presentation. The slide showed that the rural hospitals did quite well economically. He is going to forward it to Vicki Conditt.
- Debbie Johnston mentioned that the next meeting of the rural hospital committee is scheduled for February 13, 2008. She will talk to the chair about the possibility of ADHS providing an overview of trauma center designation at this meeting.

2. Other health care institutions

- Vicki explained that our goal is to try and visit with 10 hospitals during 2008. If, after meeting with hospital administration, the hospital does not decide to become designated as a trauma center, ask that the hospital consider participating in the Arizona State Trauma Registry.
- The Office of Rural Health in Tucson has a limited amount of funding available under the FLEX grant for the Critical Access Hospitals interested in becoming designation as a Level IV trauma center. We will work closely with ORH and the hospitals that apply for the funding.
- Terry Mullins reported that we will be working with the Indian Health Services to attend the next regional meeting to discuss those IHS facilities interested in trauma center designation.

B. Quality Assurance Standards – Update

- We need to determine how we want to look at this from a statewide perspective.
- Create a bare bones document initially
- Who do we need to have input from to develop Quality Assurance Standards?

Item: Quality Assurance Standards
Follow Up: Create Document
When: Next Meeting – April 17, 2008
Who: Vicki Conditt (Trauma Section)

C. Report from AZTQ Meeting – Dr Charles Allen, Chair

- Dr. Allen recommended getting input from the trauma center

directors for the quality assurance standards.

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Roy Ryals recommended that the first areas for implementation be the 4 or 5 data points that we specifically wanted to look at.

VI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

- AZ Trauma Consortium Grand Rounds from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.,
2901 N. Central Avenue, Suite 900, 9th Floor of Tower One, The Phoenix Plaza.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular STAB Meeting will be held on April 17, 2008

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Approved by: State Trauma Advisory Board

Date: April 17, 2008